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U.S. Serial No. : Not Yet Known (Continuation Application  
Filed : of PCT/US99/16101, filed 16 July 1999)  
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COMPOUNDS SPECIFIC FOR THE HUMAN  
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THEREOF

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE ACCOMPANYING CONTINUATION  
APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53**

Applicants request that the following amendment be made in the  
above-identified application:

**In the Specification:**

On page 1, after the title, please delete the paragraph at lines  
5-8 beginning "This application is a continuation-in-part..." and  
insert the following as a separate paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of PCT International  
Application No. PCT/US99/16101, filed 16 July 1999,  
designating the United States of America, which is a  
continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/118,323, filed  
July 17, 1998, the contents of which are hereby  
incorporated by reference into the present application.--

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**REMARKS**

This application is a continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/US99/16101, filed 16 July 1999, designating the United States of America, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/118,323, filed July 17, 1998. Accordingly, the parent application, PCT International Application No. PCT/US99/16101, is pending today in the United States of America pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §363, and the subject continuation application is co-pending therewith in fulfillment of the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have hereinabove amended the specification on page 1 to insert the continuation data. Applicants maintain that the amendments made hereinabove do not raise any issue of new matter. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment.

Claims 1-42 were pending in the subject application. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-42 will be pending and under examination.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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No fee other than the filing fee of \$633.00, is deemed necessary in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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